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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been formulated for seeking assistance from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for generating employment opportunities in the country in view of the target set by the Union Government for providing employment to all by the year 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target fixed for annual increase in employment generation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): No action plan has been formulated to seek assistance from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for generating employment opportunities in the country. However, National Employment Policy has recently been finalized in consultation with ILO which aims to mainstream employment generation in all policy making. Central Government is fully aware of the unemployment situation in the country. The 11th Five Year Plan provides a framework to restructure policies to achieve a new vision based on faster, more broad-based and inclusive growth. It aims at making employment generation an integral part of the growth process and devise strategies to accelerate not only growth of employment but also of wages of the poorly paid. The 11th Plan document approved by National Development Council has projected that 58 million job opportunities on Current Daily Status are likely to be created during the 11th Plan period. Besides, Governments of India is implementing various special employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes in both rural and urban areas to increase employment opportunities. Some of the important ones are:- Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005.